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1. Pay of border troop personnel was determined by the MVD. Because of the special position of border troops as compared with the regular Army, and the hardships connected with the performance of border duty, the pay of border troop personnel was considerably higher than that of Army personnel. In the USSR pay was always calculated on a monthly basis. All amounts I shall mention are to be understood as monthly sums.

EM Pay

2. The pay of EM (privates and corporals) was determined on the basis of longevity in the following way:

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| a. First year of service | 30 rubles |
| b. Second and third years of service: | 50 rubles |

The same pay was also drawn by NCO's as long as they served in assignments of either privates or corporals.

NCO Pay

3. Junior sergeants, sergeants, senior sergeants, and master sergeants were paid as follows:

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| a. Section leader and equivalent positions (clerk, supply room sergeant, assistant warehouse manager, and similar): | 150 rubles |
| b. Master sergeant of zastava and equivalent positions (warehouse manager, deputy commander for supply, and deputy commander for political matters with service and supply zastavy): | 300 rubles |

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NCO's on Subsequent (sverkhrochnyy) Tours of Duty

4. a. Master sergeant of zastava, interpreter of komendatura, deputy commander for supply, and deputy commander for political matters with service and supply zastavy: 700 rubles
- b. Warehouse manager: 600 rubles
- c. Clerk: 500 rubles
- d. Assistant warehouse manager, driver, shoemaker, tailor: 300 rubles

All of these paragraphs a, b, c, and d above/ also received a certain amount for longevity which was determined in the following way:

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| (1) 5 to 10 years of service: | 10% of pay |
| (2) 10 to 15 years of service: | 15% of pay |
| (3) 15 to 20 years of service: | 20% of pay |
| (4) Over 20 years of service: | 25% of pay |

In addition to their regular pay, NCO's on subsequent tours of duty received a border troop allowance under the same conditions and in the same amounts as officers /see para. 9/.

Officer Pay

5. Officers' pay in border troop units was made up of six components as follows:
 - a. Rank pay (za zvaniye)
 - b. Position pay (osnovnoy oklad)
 - c. Longevity pay (za vyslugu let)
 - d. Border troop allowance (za otdalennost', or spets-nadbavka, or pogranichnaya nadbavka)
 - e. Orderly allowance (ordinarkiye den'gi)
 - f. Subsistence allowance (paykovyye den'gi)

Rank Pay

6. Border troop officer personnel received the following rank pay:

a. Junior lieutenant	400 rubles
b. Lieutenant	500 rubles
c. Senior lieutenant	600 rubles
d. Captain	700 rubles
e. Major	900 rubles
f. Lieutenant colonel	1,100 rubles
g. Colonel	1,300 rubles

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Position Pay

7. a. Zastava:

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| (1) Deputy Commanding Officer | 800 rubles |
| (2) Commanding Officer | 900 rubles |

b. Border Komendatura

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| (1) Commanding Officer | 1,300 rubles |
| (2) Deputy Commanding Officer and Chief of Staff | 1,100 rubles |
| (3) Chief, First Section | 1,050 rubles |
| (4) Operation officers on duty with the First Section and Deputies of the Chief of Staff | 900 rubles |
| (5) Signal Officer | 900 rubles |
| (6) Medical assistants | 725 rubles |
| (7) Secretary of Party Bureau | 1,000 rubles |

c. Border Detachment

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| (1) Commanding Officer (when border detachment was of divisional rank) | 2,400 rubles |
| CO of border detachment of brigade rank | 2,000 rubles |
| CO of border detachment of regimental rank | 1,800 rubles |
| (2) Deputy Commanding Officer and Chief of Staff | 2,000 rubles |
| (3) Chief of First Department | 1,800 rubles |
| (4) Chief of Second Section | 1,200 rubles |
| (5) Chiefs of Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sections | 1,100 rubles |
| (6) All other officers on duty with a border detachment headquarters | 950-1,000 rubles |

Longevity Pay

8. Longevity pay for officers was made up of a certain percentage of the combined rank and position pay as follows:

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| a. 5 to 10 years of service | 10% |
| b. 10 to 15 years of service | 15% |
| c. 15 to 20 years of service | 20% |
| d. Over 20 years of service | 25% |

Border Troop Allowance

9. The amount of one's border troop allowance depended on the regional area of service and the climatic conditions of the area, which in

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every case was determined by the Chief Directorate Border Troops. There were six different types of border troop allowances paid to officer personnel and to NCO personnel on subsequent tours of duty, as follows:

- a. 10% of position pay (mostly on western USSR frontiers)
- b. 20% of position pay (unknown areas)
- c. 25% of position pay (unknown areas)
- d. 35% of position pay (southeastern USSR frontiers, particularly the Turkmenian, Todzhik, and Kazakh Border Districts, and probably some others)
- e. 150% of position pay (Kamchatka and the Island of Sakhalin)
- f. 200% of position pay (Kurile Islands)

Orderly Allowance

- a. The orderly allowance was standard for all border troop districts. It amounted to 300 rubles and was paid to:
 - a. All line border troop officers.
 - b. CO, Deputy CO, Chief of Staff, Chief of First Section, and Signal Officer at border komendatura headquarters.
 - c. CO, Deputy CO, Chief of Staff, Chief of First Department, Chiefs of Second and Third Sections, Chief of Engineer Service, CO of Detachment's Maneuver Group, Deputy CO of Maneuver Group, Platoon Leaders, CO of Signal Company and Platoon Leaders of Signal Company at border detachment headquarters.
 - d. All border troop colonels regardless of their position.

Subsistence

1. a. All border troop officers on duty with zastavy and komendatury were entitled to one food ration. If desired, money could be substituted for this food ration, in the amount of 200 rubles per officer.
- b. Officers on duty with border detachments and higher border troop headquarters were not entitled to the food ration but always received the 200 rubles instead.
12. In accordance with the pay regulations I have described, border troop officers serving with the Turkmenian Border District received the following pay during 1953:

- a. Deputy CO of a zastava -- lieutenant

Rank pay	500
Position pay	800
Longevity pay -- 10 years	130
Border troop allowance	280
Orderly allowance	300

Total 2,010 rubles and one Food Ration

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b. CO of a zastava -- captain

Rank pay	700
Position pay	900
Longevity pay -- 15 years	240
Border troop allowance	315
Orderly allowance	<u>300</u>

Total 2,455 rubles and one Food Ration

c. CO of a border komendatura -- lieutenant colonel

Rank pay	1,100
Position pay	1,300
Longevity pay -- 20 years	480
Border troop allowance	455
Orderly allowance	300
Subsistence	<u>200</u>

Total 3,835 rubles

d. CO of a border detachment -- colonel

Rank pay	1,300
Position pay	2,400
Longevity pay -- over 20 years	925
Border troop allowance	840
Orderly allowance	300
Subsistence	<u>200</u>

Total 5,965 rubles

13. Although the pay of border troop personnel was high, taxes and other deductions were also high. They were:

a. Annual State loan: this was determined by the position occupied and normally was as follows:

- (1) From CO of zastava and up, 170% to 200% of the monthly pay (total pay except orderly allowance and subsistence allowance).
- (2) From CO of zastava and down, 150% of the monthly pay.

b. Income tax (Podokhodnyy nalog): the entire pay except orderly and subsistence allowances was taxed on the same basis as civilian pay was in the USSR. Without the orderly and subsistence allowances.

c. Childlessness tax: levied according to Soviet state laws.

d. Party Fee: levied according to the Party bylaws. percent, which amounted to 94 rubles monthly.

e. Quarters Fee: border troop officers were entitled to "free" quarters. However, they paid 0.80 rubles per square meter for the use of such quarters.

f. Depreciation Cost of Quarters Furniture: border troop officers' quarters were provided with government furniture, depreciation cost of which was borne by the occupants. This fee was usually collected quarterly, or 10 rubles monthly.

All these taxes and deductions amounted roughly to 33% of the officer's total pay.

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